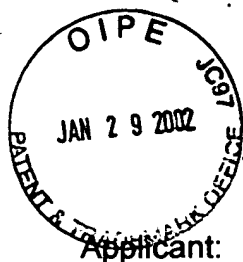


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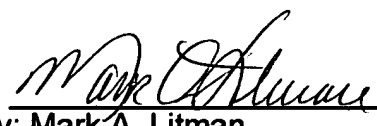
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**The following documents are being submitted:**

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages)
- ☒ Form 1449
- ☒ Copies of 34 references
- ☒ Transmittal Sheet
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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This statement should be considered because it is either filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits or it is submitted after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311. No fee is due since this statement is submitted either before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits or is certified under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies that this statement is submitted wherein each item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counter part foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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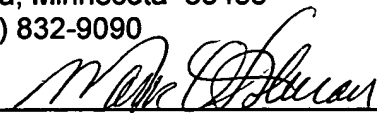
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